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**From:** piper Galen <piper.galen@gmail.com>  
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**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** The Doula Reimbursement Act

I am writing in strong support of Budget Article 12 Section 12d and bill H5929 The Doula Reimbursement Act. This budget article and bill are crucial to improving the health and safety of pregnant individuals, particularly Black and Brown families. A doula is a non-medical professional trained in pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum transitions who provides emotional, physical, and informational support to a person who is expecting, is experiencing labor, or has recently given birth. A doula's purpose is to help people have a safe, memorable, and empowering birthing experience. This bill has been crafted collaboratively by doulas, birthing families, community organizers, doula advocates, and legislators. Please support the bill which reflects the ongoing input of these key stakeholders.

Thank you for your consideration,  
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